

Community Resources

March is one of the quieter months for KDD. This is a time to enjoy the evidence of spring's coming and the wonders of outdoor exploration.

In preparation for the Kite Festival at Robby Ferrufino Park on April 4, Majestic View Nature Center is offering a Kite Building Class for kids ages 4 through 10. There are 2 classes on March 28, one from 10:30-11:30 AM and one from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. Preregistration is required by March 20, at **720-898-7405**.

Also at Majestic View Park, there will be a Fun with Animals class for children 3 - 6. This class is on Wednesday mornings (sorry M/W folks) from March 11 - April 8, at 10:00 AM.

Each class explores a different animal's wonderful life through books, games, and crafts.



KIDS' DISCOVERY DAYS Newsletter

March, 2009



Director's Notes

Are you collecting for the April Kids' Clothing Sale? Remember, we also take toys, backyard play structures, bikes, infant gear, etc. We sell anything that kids need.

March

12, Thursday Classroom clean-up - invite other KDD friends to join you for an hour to deep clean your child's classroom. Cleaning supplies are provided.

30 - 4/3 No Classes - Spring Break
Monday - Friday

April

6, Monday Classes resume.

17, 18 Kids' Spring Clothing Sale - You may
Friday, Saturday bring donations starting 4/13.

21 Family Ice Cream Social and
Tues. Science Night, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

22, 23 Class Pictures Wed., Thurs.

20-5/3 Plant Sale Orders Taken

24 No Classes, Staff Training
Friday Day

Preschool Two/Three

It was great to see so many of you at conferences. It is always nice to discuss the progress your child has made during this year.

Even if you were unable to attend the conferences, please feel free to call us if you have concerns about your child.

For March, we will focus on spring and nursery rhymes. These old favorites are the foundation of early literacy.

We will have PJ day on March 9 & 10. These are the two days after the change to daylight savings, and we understand how hard it is to get up on those days.

Your child is invited to wear pajamas and slippers to school, but please keep in mind that we will still be going out on these days.

Our color for the month is yellow;

Preschool Three Penny Owings 303-421-2365

Please continue to send jackets, hats, mittens, and boots to school with your child as needed. The children are getting better at zipping, buttoning, snapping, and putting on mittens. These accomplishments are important to your child's independence.

We have started to use last names on the coat hooks and snack table. All are trying hard to recognize their last names in print.

February was National Children's Dental Health Month. I was pleased to hear how much everyone knows about proper dental care. The tooth brushing chart will encourage your child to get into a routine of brushing both morning and night. This will help them develop good habits for a lifetime of oral health.

It was great to talk with each of you at conferences and learn more about your families. Please contact me at any time if concerns arise. Our parents' classroom participation has been appreciated this year. Your involvement makes a difference to all the children.

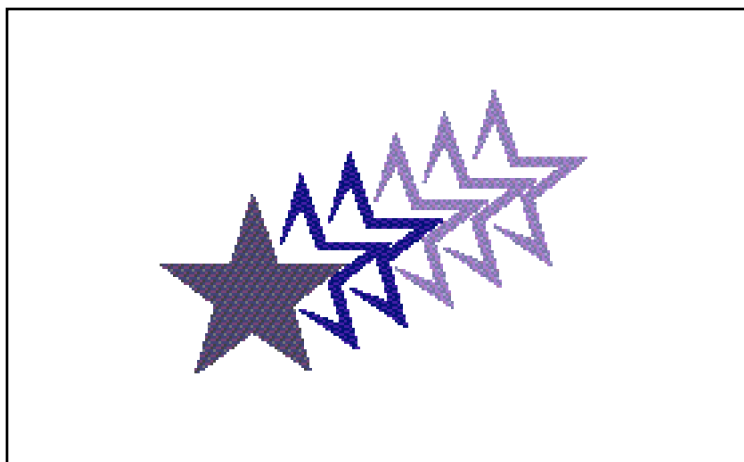
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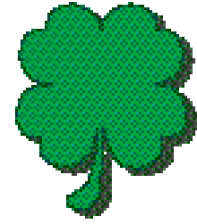
Our March songs will be, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

With the weather getting

warmer, it is easy to forget to bring along coats, hats, and mittens. But as anyone who has lived in Colorado for very long knows, the weather is very changeable. Please continue to send warm clothing so that

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Books that Teach

A fun and effective way to help your children learn about right and wrong is through stories.

First, choose a story with a lesson. Try to find a character that your child can relate to, such as a child of the same age or a cute animal. Read the story out loud, enjoying the tale with your child without interrupting the flow for discussion unless your child asks a question.

Finally, talk about the story. What did the character do? do you think he/she did the right thing? What could have done instead?

Here are some books you might find helpful.

It's Mine, by Leo Lionni

Franklin Is Messy, by Paulette Bourgeois

Monster Manners, by Bethany Roberts

The Berenstain Bears and the Truth, by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Toddler News

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I can't believe it is March! Spring is just around the corner! In February, we had fun doing valentine crafts and sharing valentines with friends.

In March, we will focus our theme around the color green, St. Patrick's Day, and getting ready for spring. We will paint with green and do some green collages. We will do some crafts with clovers. Also, we will be gin talking about spring. During music class, we will dance to some animal songs.

Please continue to send coats and boots. We may even get some snow to play in this month. Have a nice Spring Break with your children.

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outside time is always enjoyable.

March Finger Play

Ten little muffins in the muffin shop,
All dressed up with sugar on top.
_____ came in with a penny to pay,
Bought the muffin and he ran away.



Please have a wonderful Spring Break (March 10 - April 3).

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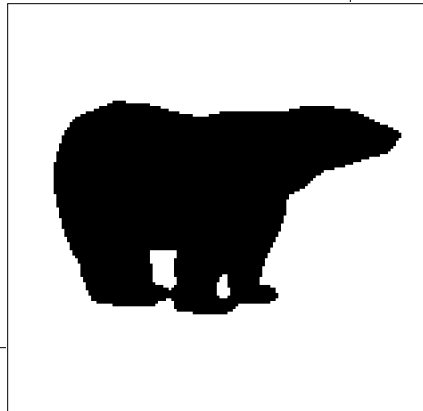
Preschool 3/4 Lisa Newkirk 303-420-2888

February was a time for valentine exchanges, bear stories, and windy days on the playground! The children had a great time making gooey gunk with Miss Marsha during science time.

The wind can make our warm days seem chilly, so please continue to send jackets just in case. We have had our share of illness this winter. We hope that the germs will soon be gone, but please remember to keep your child at home if you have any doubts about his/her readiness to come back to school. The Health Department has extended the waiting period from 24 to 48 hours after the last bout of diarrhea, vomiting, or fever. Becky at the Colorado Lutheran Home is always very conscientious about updating us on the health of our Friday Friends. Please remember that germs travel both ways, so keep little ones home if they are sick on field trip days.

Thanks to all the parents who were able to come in or have a phone conference with me. It is always so helpful to have that one on one time to discuss each child's progress. Please remember to keep us advised of any unusual stress that your family may experience during the school year. Job loss, separation, serious illness, death of a family member, or moving to a new home can be very stressful to preschoolers. Children are very perceptive and deal with stress in a variety of ways. We are better able to give your child the support that he/she needs if we are aware of these changes. We realize that these issues can be extremely personal and promise to deal with them in a professional and confidential manner.

In March, we will learn about dinosaurs, St. Patrick's Day, and spring. Our Friday field trips are March 13 & 27. We will play with the parachute/balloons and make giant flowers with our senior friends. Our class is attending *Just So* at the Arvada Center March 12 & 13. Please bring your child to school as usual on the day of the play. We won't need a snack. We'll have a short class time; adults are invited to visit the church library until 9:30. We will meet outside the Arvada Center and enter as a group.



Preschool 4/5 Shirley Pierce 303-420-8353

Our class will attend the play, *Just So*, based on Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories*, on Thursday, March 12.

Our school day will start as usual. Parents may wait in the church library until 9:30, when we'll all drive over to the Arvada Center. We'll meet in front, along with the Preschool 3/4 class, and enter and sit together. We'll sit in a child, adult, child, adult order. The Arvada Center's children's productions are always wonderful live theater experiences for children.

We'll read some dinosaur alphabet books and do some more dinosaur crafts in March. We'll also have a classroom activity that shows which well-known dinosaurs lived during the same time periods. And there is still one dinosaur song for us to learn.

Our circle books will include folk tales from Africa, Japan, and Korea.

We'll also read some biographies of historical and contemporary characters.

There will be two new math activities in the classroom, starting this month. We'll have brightly colored patterning tiles that children can use to create their own patterns and also to follow patterns on cards. Discerning patterns in nature and in objects, as well as creating their own patterns, are great ways for children to develop math awareness.

We will also have a number board, with number tiles in rows of 10, going from 1 - 100. Children can remove and replace tiles on the board. Manipulatives are great learning aids for young children--thinking, touching, and moving all contribute to learning and fun!

Preschool 4/5 (continued from right)

In March, we'll learn a new French song and refresh everyone's memories by singing some nursery rhymes, as well.

We've just begun putting up a bulletin board of "Endangered Arctic Animals." The creatures are up on the board (several animals plus lichen on a rock), and now we'll take turns finding the printed names on cards and adding them beside the animals. Since I purchased this set a few years ago, both polar bears and caribou have had added environmental challenges to their survival.

Mama, Do You Love Me? and *The Girl and the Moon Man* are books set in the Arctic that we'll read at circle. There is also a tape to accompany *Mama, Do You Love Me?*

Thank you to all of our parents for taking the time to come in for conferences; thanks, too, for all of your help in the classroom and for the nutritious snacks!